sion and the loan/assistance being given to these societies and individuals for the purpose;

(b) the decision taken by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission at its meeting held in November, 1992 regarding listing of societies; and

(c) the time taken in disposing of the applications submitted by the societies I institutions for their new projects/proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No industries under the purview of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC; are reserved for societiesjindividuals.

(b) The Commission in its meeting held in November. 1992 redelegated the powers of direct listing (registration) to the State Directors in respect of cases of Hill Border Areas/SC-ST, Minority Community, Tribal Areas and North Eastern States. In respect of remaining cases, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) examines and finalises the proposals for direct listing which are duly recommended by the Zonal Members of KVIC.

(c) No time had been fixed for disposal of the applications. However, KVIC informed that they had been do-. ing it expeditiously.

Foreign investment proposals

1454. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the total amount of foreign investment proposals cleared during February and March, 1993 vis-a-vis the foreign investment proposals approved in January, '.993?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAI CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): Details of foreign investment proposals and amount of investment approved during January. February and March, !993 are as under:—

	No. of Foreign Investment Proposals approved in '93	Amount of Foreign Investment approved (Rs. in crores)
January	38	815.85 crores
February	62	1570.11 crores
March	52	181.40 crores

Prices of various brands of cigarettes

1455. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what are the ruling prices of various brands of cigarettes marketed in India, whether there has been any rise in prices during the last three years, if so, the details thereof brand-wise and fear-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY); (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): statement is placed at Annexure. (See Appendix CLXVIIT. Annexure No. 251